TOWN OF WILBRAHAM

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2013

WINTER PROGRAM INFORMATION and REGISTRATION DATES



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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

To provide wholesome recreational sports and activities that will enhance the positive, social, emotional, physical, and overall development of all residents of the Town of Wilbraham. Such programs should attempt to meet the general needs of all the youth and adults of Wilbraham and should be conducted in a manner as to assure a safe, enjoyable atmosphere and learning experience.

* We are located at the back right corner of the YMCA building *

* 45C Post Office Park , Wilbraham, MA 01095 *

* Telephone: 596-2816 - FAX 596-2836 *

* Monday - Friday * 8:30AM-4:30PM * Registration Ends at 4:00PM *

VISIT US AT www.wilbraham-ma.gov/rec

All program information is subject to change, updates may be found on the website.

Please confirm program details at registration

WILBRAHAM PARKS & RECREATION www.wilbraham-ma.gov/rec

Our mission is to serve our community with a wide variety of wholesome and affordable activities... programs with you and your family in mind. Included in this brochure is information and details about upcoming programs and events as well as registration information. Many of our programs fill fast, so please note the registration dates; we don't want you to be disappointed.

Most programs allow for online registration. Visit our website and click the blue 'register online' button to go to our secure ActiveNet online registration site. Once you have an account with us, you will receive our short, monthly, informational e-newsletter, *THE WILBRAHAM WHISTLE*, which will keep you abreast of WPRD news, registration information and deadlines..

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION...PLEASE NOTE!

Online

Watching a good program die is painful. There is a point when, if there are not enough registrants, an activity is cancelled.

Signing up late will not resurrect it! Please register during the designated registration periods.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Registration may be done for most programs online once an ActiveNet online account has been opened. A small on-line convenience fee is included for actual registrations only. There is no fee to open an account.
- In-office registration is held Monday Friday from 8:30AM to 4:00PM at the WPRD office.
- Registration by mail will be accepted with proper registration forms and payment. Please don't mail a check without a registration form.
- Out-of-town registrations are welcome for indicated programs, with an additional charge.
- All programs are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Late registrations will be accepted based on available space. Late fees may apply.
- Any check returned for insufficient funds is subject to a \$25.00 charge.
- All dates, times, and prices are subject to change at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Director and/or the Recreation Commission.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Deadlines are used as a tool to determine whether there is enough interest in a program to run it. Late registrations will be accepted based on available space.

LATE FEES: Late fees for all activities will be assessed the first day after the registration deadline in the amount of \$10.00. Late fees are not assessed to penalize, but to encourage residents to register on time so the staff has sufficient time to plan programs, order enough program supplies and meet various league requirements. Online registration for many programs is extended without a late fee through the weekend following the Friday in-office deadline. Late fees are not refundable.

REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY: The WPRD reserves the right to cancel, postpone or combine classes, adjust costs and change coaches, location or instructors or refund policies. In the event a program is cancelled by the WPRD, you will receive a full refund. Generally for recreational sports programs, if you notify the WPRD prior to the registration deadline, you will receive a refund minus an assigned administrative charge. Each program run by the WPRD has unique constraints. Check the form or call the WPRD for the specific refund policy on the program you are registering for at the time of registration.

TRIP REFUNDS: A refund will be given (minus an assigned administrative fee) only if requested one month prior to the date of the trip. Please note exceptions on registration form. Please allow at least 10-15 business days for a refund check to be processed.

PROGRAM CONFIRMATION: With our online registration program, you will receive a confirmation when you have registered online for a program. We will contact you only if there is a problem or change.

WAITING LISTS: All registrations are accepted on a "first come-first serve" basis. If your desired program is filled, you will be notified and placed on a waiting list. When and if an opening becomes available, we will go to the waiting list to fill the spot.

PROMOTION: For promotional purposes, photographs/videos may be taken of participants and posted in printed material or posted on a website or other promotional material. If you do not wish to have your child's photo taken, please notify the WPRD in writing prior to the program start as well as notifying the photographer and/or class instructor or coach.



The Town of Wilbraham complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act and will make special arrangements upon request. Please contact the WPRD Office (596-2816) at least 24 hours in advance.

Please do not drop your child off at a program...children must be checked in with the instructor at each class.



Enhance Your Winter... Join us for a Class or Clinic!

Register Beginning December 1

MAGICAL ART MYSTERY TOUR—Let's Gogh Art:

GR. K-5 - Eight Thursdays, January 24- March 21 - 5:15-6:15pm.

This art-filled series uses all things magic in art materials and techniques. So many original and unique products create wicked cool and surprising works of art. Come on a Magical Mystery Tour and discover the magic of art! Design lizard's magic noodle playgrounds, sculpt with model "magic" clay and design "flower power" or "Lollipop" T-shirts using a magical technique. Be amazed while creating "bleeding" paper and "bleeding" fabric art, and paint magic circus elephants. Make some "fluffy goop" with shaving cream and create something that "glows in the dark". The results are totally "WOW". Art explorers definitely think outside the box during these amazing art-ventures!

FEE: \$105 includes materials! Location: WMS, Register Dec. 11 - Jan. 18- Online, Mail-in, or at the WPRD office.

DRAWING COOL CARTOONS:

AGES 8 + - Six Tuesdays, Beginning Feb. 5 - 6:30-7:30pm

What could be more fun than to learn how to create silly characters, funny expressions and storytelling through cartoons? This delightful program combines basic drawing techniques with the exploration and creation of whimsical cartoons. Step-by -step instruction and lots of individual focus helps to bring out each student's personal style while engaging their sense of humor and imagination! Above all, though, this is about having fun!!

FEE: \$55 includes materials! Location: WMS Cafeteria. Register Dec. 11 - Jan. 25. Online, Mail-in, or at the WPRD office.

THEATER FUN WITH 'PERFORMING ARTS':

GR. K-4: 5:05-6:00pm, **GR.** 5-8: 6:05-7:00pm. Seven Wednesdays, beginning Feb 6. The team from Performing Arts will offer a fun acting experience where children will be introduced to exciting theater games, concentration exercises, voice and speech, improvisational exercises, acting terminology, sense memory, subtext, stage skills and script work. At the end of this session there is an informal performance to demonstrate what participants have been working on. Classes will also be challenging and offer new and exciting activities for the more experienced participant as well. **Space is limited.**

FEE: \$108. Location: WMS. Register now through Jan. 25 at www.performingartsprograms.biz or by mail-in

MAD SCIENCE- NASA ACADEMY FOR SPACE EXPLORERS:

GR. 1-6, 9:00-Noon, T-F during April Vacation! New program co-designed by NASA and Mad Science! From our Earth's atmosphere to the outer reaches of our solar system, this hands-on program sends kids on a quest for exploration! Comets, planets, stars and more are waiting to be discovered. Create a lunar eclipse in this "mad" planetary tour! Steer a laser beam through a laser maze, bring home your Lightning Launcher™ that lights up the sky! Learn about the four forces of flight and the challenges of space travel, build your very own rocket to take home and participate in an awesome rocket launch! FEE: \$132. Location:WMS Cafeteria. Register now through April 5 at: www.madscience.org/westnewengland or by mail in



THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL BOWLING

Stony Hill School, Soule Road School



10 WEEKS * JANUARY 17- MARCH 21 * 2:45-5:00PM * GR. 2 - 5

This is our eight year running this program...join the fun!

A chaperoned bus will pick the kids up at school and bring them to Shaker Bowl for 1½ hours of after school fun! At 3:30pm the kids arrive at Shaker Bowl and the fun starts! Kids bowl for fun with a bit of competition mixed in. The winning team will receive first place trophies! At 4:15 there is a fun dance competition followed by a raffle for small prizes. Every other week the arcade opens for last 15 minutes of the program. Every child who has perfect attendance will receive a bowling bobble-head trophy. At 5:00pm kids are signed out and picked up by parents at Shaker Bowl!

Cost includes bowling, shoe rental and a pizza party at the end of the season!

COST: \$120.00 (\$10.00 due at registration, balance is paid weekly to Shaker Bowl)

REGISTRATION: DEC. 11 - JAN. 4 ONLINE OR IN OFFICE (Late fee after 1/4)

(Program does not run on school vacations and may be cancelled due to weather)



2013 WINTER MONDAY DANCE PROGRAM

(AGES TWO THROUGH TEEN)

JAZZ ~ HIP - HOP ~ BALLET ~ TAP

REGISTRATION DECEMBER 11-28: ONLINE, by mail, or at the WPRD Office PROGRAM RUNS JANUARY 7 - Mid-MAY WITH A DELIGHTFUL RECITAL IN MAY

Program runs on Mondays only, at the Wilbraham Middle School Auditorium FEE: \$65.00 per child (\$75.00 for non-residents)

Dance classes are taught by instructors from Mary Ann Studio of Dance which has offered excellent instruction for the WPRD for over 24 years!

Classes run approximately 30 minutes.

ALL DANCE SHOES ARE FOR SALE IN THE 'MARY ANN STUDIO OF DANCE'
1168 BOSTON RD. SPFLD (near Wal-Mart)
The studio is open 7:30am to 6pm weekdays

QUESTIONS....PLEASE CALL MARY ANN at 596-3127

www.maryannstudio.com also on Facebook: Mary Ann Dance

4:30PM	TODDLERS	Ages 2-4	Music and movement learning basic skills, songs, and dances appropriate for 'our little ones' with some help from an adult, parent or caregiver.	Ballet and Tap shoes
5:00PM	KINDER STARS	Ages 4-6	Combines age-appropriate Jazz, Ballet, and Tap. Emphasis on learning basic techniques and creative movement dance routines.	Tap and Ballet shoes
5:30PM	PETITE STARS	Ages 4½ - 7	Combines age -appropriate Hip-Hop/ Jazz, Tap and Ballet. Emphasis on learning basic techniques and memorizing dance routines.	Tap and Ballet shoes
6:00PM	STARLETS	Ages 5-8	Combines age-appropriate Hip-Hop/Jazz , Tap and Ballet. Emphasis on learning basic techniques and memorizing dance routines.	Tap and Ballet shoes
6:30PM	STAR ROCKETTES	Ages 7½ -11	Combines age-appropriate Hip-Hop/Jazz along with Fast Rhythmic Tap and Kicklines.	Tap and either Ballet or Jazz shoes
7:00PM	SUPERSTARS	Ages 18 & Under	Hip Hop/ Jazz. Learn the newest and latest dance steps to age-appropriate popular music.	Black Jazz or HH shoes



FALCON VOLLEYBALL CLUB

(Coed – Grades 6-12)

WMS ~ SIX SATURDAYS ~ STARTS APRIL 6~ REGISTER MARCH 12-29 (Online or at the WPRD)

The Falcon Volleyball Club is a fun, fast paced coed volleyball program for both beginning and advanced players in grades 6 - 8 (Jr. Falcons) and 9 -12 (Sr. Falcons). Players quickly learn the basics of serving, receiving, setting, spiking, blocking, offense, defense as well as participating in game play. Experienced players may play up a level if preferred. The goal of the program is to introduce the sport of volleyball by offering equal time for game play and skill development. John DeVine and Curt Hamakawa coordinate the program and are assisted by several members of the MRHS Falcon Teams.

\$35.00 Wilbraham Residents - \$60.00 Hampden/ Out of Town

Session 1:Junior Falcons (Grades 6-8) 9:00-11:00AM, open to the first 40 players to sign up. **Session 2:Senior Falcons (Grades 9-12)** 11:00-1:00PM, open to the first 40 players to sign up.



TRACK AND FIELD

(Coed - Grades 2-9)



We need Coaches to run the program this year!

Please call the WPRD if you are interested.

Be part of a great team and run your heart out!

This is a great coed program for kids who want to learn the track and field and cross country fundamentals.

Track and Field events include hurdles, 100/200/400/800 Mile, Relay, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put and CC

DETAILS IN MARCH!

REGISTRATION RUNS EARLY APRIL, Online, Mail-in, or at the Office- Cost: TBD



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING PROGRAMS!

- Pavilion rentals open January 2. Reserve this park-like setting for your upcoming graduation, bridal shower, family reunion, company picnic, etc. Rental information on the website, call office for availability (596-2816)
- Spec Adventure Summer Camp and CIT program registration opens for Wilbraham residents in March. Spaces fill quickly!
- Spec Pond Beach opens in June, you may buy passes in May! Think Summer!
- Summer Program Brochure will be available in March. Watch for exciting program details!
- APRIL VACATION: Mad Science Program-NASA Academy for Space Explorers T-F, 9:00-noon. Fun for kids in grades 1-6

2013 SPRING LACROSSE PROGRAM

(Please note registration deadlines- Late fees apply after registration deadlines)



REGISTRATION DATES:

- Lacrosse registration for Boys in grades 3-8 runs December 11-January 18
- Lacrosse registration for Instructional (Gr. K), Mites (Gr.1 & 2) and Girls (Gr. 3-8) runs January 2- 18
- We are offering an Instructional Lacrosse (Coed- Gr. K) Registration Special! Register online Jan 2 18 and receive \$5.00 off your total online fee!
- SCHOOL CHOICE AND OUT OF TOWN, PLEASE ADD \$25.00

INSTRUCTIONAL LACROSSE COED	GRADE K or 5½ years old (as of 04/01/2013)	Come learn the basics of lacrosse during this six week non-contact program. The fundamentals will be stressed using drills, stations and other teaching techniques. Meets for six weeks on Sat. afternoons beginning in late March/early April. NOTE: Enjoy \$5.00 off your total online fee when you register online!	\$35.00
MITE LACROSSE GIRLS DIVISION BOYS DIVISION	GRADES 1 & 2 GRADES 1 & 2	Ready for full equipment action? Basic skills will be re-enforced as participants are introduced to the game of lacrosse. Players will participate in controlled scrimmages & games on a regular basis. No body checking allowed. Very little out-of-town travel. Practices begin in late March/early April, averaging 2 meetings per week. Players provide equipment: Girls: Goggles and stick. Boys: Helmet, shoulder pads, gloves, protective cup, mouth guard, and stick. Limited number of helmets will be available to borrow from the WPRD on a first come basis. Must have a minimum number to run the program. School Choice students, please add \$25.00.	Girls: \$40.00 Boys: \$40.00
FALCON GIRLS LACROSSE BANTAM GIRLS JUNIOR GIRLS SENIOR GIRLS	GRADES 3 AND 4 GRADES 5 AND 6 GRADES 7 AND 8	Come find out about the exciting game of lacrosse! All age divisions are competitive and travel throughout the Pioneer Valley. Everyone interested is encouraged to register regardless of skill level. All who register will be placed on a team. Practices begin in late March/early April with up to two practices and two games per week. Players provide their own stick and regulation goggles and mouth guard. A security deposit will be required for loaned uniform. School Choice students, please add \$25.00.	\$75.00 PLUS A \$50.00 SECURITY DEPOSIT
FALCON BOYS LACROSSE BANTAM BOYS JUNIOR BOYS SENIOR BOYS	GRADES 3 AND 4 GRADES 5 AND 6 GRADES 7 AND 8	All age divisions are competitive and travel throughout Western MA and CT. Practices begin in late March/early April with up to two practices and two games per week. Players provide stick, arm pads, gloves, mouth guards and shorts. Helmets and shoulder pads are available to borrow with a security deposit. Registration fee includes a reversible jersey which players keep. School Choice students, please add \$25.00.	\$115.00 PLUS A \$75.00 SECURITY DEPOSIT



RECREATIONAL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL



REGISTRATION RUNS FEBRUARY 12-22 - Online, Mail-in or at the Office Wilbraham Residents Only ~ Grades K-8

PLEASE NOTE: Tryouts for most competitive teams grades 3-8 were held last September and these teams are already formed.

BASEBALL:

T-BALL (Coed)	KINDERGARTEN OR 5½ YEARS OLD (as of 03/01/13)	\$50.00
JUNIOR PINTO (BOYS ONLY)	GRADE 1	\$60.00
SENIOR PINTO (BOYS ONLY)	GRADE 2	\$60.00
EASTERN	GRADES 3 - 4	\$90.00
BRONCO	GRADES 5 - 6	\$125.00
KOFAX	GRADES 7 - 8	\$125.00

SOFTBALL:

INSTRUCTIONAL	KINDERGARTEN OR 5½ YEARS OLD (as of 03/01/13)	\$35.00
ROOKIES SOFTBALL	GRADES 1-2	\$50.00
MINORS SOFTBALL	GRADES 3-4 (Under 10)	\$105.00
NEYSA SOFTBALL	GRADES 5 - 6 (U 12 and U 14) (Non-Competitive)	\$105.00
NEYSA SOFTBALL	UNDER 10 Competitive	\$105.00